

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1 1. (Once Amended) In a lift device of the type appended to a vehicle, said lift device having a platform movable between a lower or ground position, upper or load position and stowed position, said platform assuming a substantially horizontal orientation in said ground or load position and pivotable to a substantially vertical orientation when stowed for vehicle movement, said platform being connected to a lever arm assembly and further including hydraulic apparatus to move said platform between ground, load and stowed positions, said hydraulic apparatus being actuated by a pump and motor assembly, the improvement comprising providing a direct current electric motor with variable resistance control circuitry for actuation of said pump and hydraulic apparatus so that speed of motion of the platform is variable.

- 1 6. (Once Amended) In a lift device of the type used to raise a vehicle vertically for enabling ready access to the vehicle's undercarriage, said lift device comprising a platform for supporting a vehicle movable from ground to an elevated position and back to ground again, the improvement comprising providing a direct current electric motor with variable resistance control circuitry or actuation of a pump and hydraulic apparatus so that speed of motion of said platform is variable.